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Study of Disaster Management
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines/directions to the State Governments to make Disaster Management study compulsory in schools;
(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government proposes to formulate any guidelines for the appointment of special trainees in respect of such studies; and
(c) if so, the criteria for the recruitment of such trainees?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has incorporated the contents related to disasters and disaster management in the Social Science and Science textbooks for the classes VI to XII in the form of text and visuals. The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) developed by NCERT sets the guidelines and direction for the development of syllabi and textbooks at all the school stages. State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) and State Education Boards either adopt or adapt NCERT's model syllabi and textbooks or develop their own syllabi and textbooks based on NCF. Further, Disaster Management has been introduced as a subject in classes VIII-X as a part of Social Sciences syllabus of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and as a part of Geography and Sociology in class XI. CBSE has also brought out textbooks on the topics of disaster management for each of the classes VIII, IX, X and XI. The National Policy on Disaster Management 2009 provides, inter alia that the subject of Disaster Management, in the curriculum of CBSE, will be extended to all Schools through their Secondary Education Boards. It further provides that State Governments will also ensure the inclusion of disaster management curriculum through State School Boards.
(b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
(c) Does not arise.
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